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Prices and Prospects.

FOUNDRY COKE FEATURES TRADE.

Contracts Being Placed for
12 Months Beginning
July 1.

PRICE LOW PAST YEAR.

Contracts It Is Said Are Being Closed
for \$2.00 to \$2.50 for Foundry
Change in Attitude of Number of
Coke Sellers.

Special to The Weekly Courier.
"PITTSBURGH, June 21.—The foundry coke market has been very active along the line of closing requirements contracts with various consumers large and small, for the twelve months beginning July 1. The consumers were a little slow coming into the market with their inquiries as to the quantity of coke they could use, but contracts are being placed in the year there was relatively little inquiry before the first of June, but the inquiries are fairly all out now and in several cases contracts have been closed in the past week. There are still several large lots to be closed, and then there is a little mid-summer business with consumers which may be closed from July 1 to July 1. The great majority of consumers, however, have their contracts start and end with the mid-year date.

It is impossible to make an accurate estimate of the tonnage of foundry coke closed in the past week for the twelve months as in many cases consumers have merely closed again with the producer they have been dealing with, the price matter being merely gone into again. This however has not necessitated any great change. Prices for Connellsville coke have been low for more than a year and a half as they were very high above the price level of the coke from the furnace and foundry was 20 to 25 cents higher, but contract prices were only 10 to 15 cents higher. There is so much difference in quality and grading of foundry coke that no one figure represents the market. In some cases there may even be no difference at all between lower and higher grades of coke from different operations, yet different prices prevail because of the one operation more or less exercised to make sure that the coke is uniformly good while at another operation the coke may be ordinarily as good but occasionally a lot of off-coke may be shipped through inadvertent and all these things come in foundry operations for the reason that many foundries do not work on a regular basis, only judging by reason and blaming the coke all the time even if it is occasionally a little questionable grade is received. In general it may be said that contracts are being closed at from \$2.00 to \$2.50, the range quoted for several weeks past, as the regular market. It may be noted that occasionally a coke of decidedly questionable quality may be picked up at a shade under \$2. On the other hand there are cokes which have been brought better than \$2.25 and one operation in particular has made a number of contracts at \$2.50.

Prompt foundry coke is dull and neglected. The foundries are not running at their usual rate and get all the coke they need on their regular requirements contracts.

There has been a little increase in the offering of prompt furnace coke, which is loaded on cars and tends to be moved. As a rule this coke is not offered at less than \$1.10, although occasionally there are exceptions. A report is current that a lot of off-coke of prompt furnace coke has sold at \$1.10 in the past week, but this has not been absolutely confirmed.

Negotiations continue on a few contracts for furnace coke, but they are not proceeding very rapidly as the furnaces are no at all keen about closing. No changes in furnace operations are reported except that the blast at Girard blew out at the beginning of the week.

There has been a change in the attitude of a number of coke sellers on account of the better prospects in the iron and steel industry and of the whole tone of the market is decidedly firmer than a week or a fortnight ago at which prices were unquestionably higher. In many quarters it is believed that the tide has actually come and that the iron and steel market has turned upon a prolonged period of improvement. Operators in many cases are pressed with the showing and are much less disposed to sell at current prices than the week recently. We quote prices unchanged as follows:

Foundry furnace... \$1.40 to \$1.50
Contract furnace... \$1.10 to \$1.20
Prompt foundry... \$1.00 to \$1.10

Contract foundry... \$2.00 to \$2.50
Inquiry for pig iron in the local market has shown a sharp improvement in the past week. There are several lots of round iron inquired for running into thousands of tons each also several inquiries for basic of equal magnitude. Buyers are slow to close on these inquiries and are feeling that they may be realizing there is no danger of a sudden upturn in prices. The position is distinctly improved, and the furnaces are feeling much more independent than they were. Quotable prices are unchanged. Bessemer \$1.50, Basic \$1.60. Made in the Valley \$1.25 all of a Valley. Furnaces 30 cents higher than in Pittsburgh.

IRON AND STEEL.

Believed That a Definite Revival in
Industry Has Set In.
Special to The Weekly Courier.
NEW YORK, June 21.—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will say tomorrow. The slight improvement in the iron and steel market noted a week ago has gained in force and scope and in most quarters it is now believed that a definite revival has set in although the prospects for the next month or two are judged in a very conservative spirit.

All along the line bookings of finished steel products have increased and in some cases they are double what they were at the beginning of the month. Comparisons of bookings for this month and bookings in corresponding periods in April and May are not very favorable to the present. For about three months current bookings have been less than production the January-February accumulation of business being drawn upon to make up the rate of shipment so that the present increase in bookings does not presage an immediate increase in production. The decrease however seems to have been arrested. The Steel Corporation is operating between 61 and 64% of both blast furnace and finishing capacity a considerable part being of export business leaving production for the domestic market at less than 75% of capacity. The independent mills are probably operating at 60% of capacity.

In short the improvement is most noticeable in bookings having already increased with both the leading independent and the independents. In several cases the independent mills which were running a much below capacity for a long period are this week operating full. There was a comparatively heavy price reduction in sheets heavier than in any other line and the efficiency of price reduction as a means of stimulating trade is again illustrated.

Pig iron enquiry is much heavier in most districts but the closing is rather slow. Southern iron is now squarely on the \$10 Birmingham basis, which buyers for a long time have suggested as the level at which they would take hold. Whether they will now change their minds remains to be seen. The market has taken over two months to drop from the \$11 basis which was maintained without any change for nine months.

NEW LUMBER ROAD

To Develop Tract of Timber in Somerset County.

Ten miles of standard Gauge railroad is being built in Upper Turkeyfoot and Middle Creek townships Somerset county to open 5,000 acres of timber land owned by the United Lumber Company of which Uniontown is a co. officers as follows: T. H. Blum, president; B. A. Smith, vice president; and J. W. Manag, and J. W. Semans, treasurer.

Nearly half the grading has been done and some of the track is already finished. The United Lumber Company owns the timber tract which is the best which is mostly hardwood and the surface and mineral rights. Part of the land is underlaid with coal which will probably be developed after the railroad is built. This road will be an extension of the Bruma & North Fork which connects with the B. & O. at Uniontown. It will pass through the village of Baronvale and some good farming land as well as through the iron timber tract. It is being built by the United Lumber Company an affiliated concern of the United Lumber Company. The engineering work is being done by L. C. McCullough of Uniontown.

Mine Accident Fatal.
When loading coal at a mine No. 1 of the Bessemer & A. C. Coke Company in West Liberty township Washington county, Wm. C. Cline was caught under a fall of coal and suffered a fracture of the base of the skull. He died later. Cutting was 70 years old and single.

Automobile Club Organizes.
The Automobile Club of Washington, Pa., organized Monday night.

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION	WEEK ENDING JUNE 17 1911				WEEK ENDING JUNE 10 1911			
	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
District.								
Connellsville	23,806	13,786	10,020	151,062	2,806	13,550	9,947	150,540
Lower Connellsville	15,593	9,818	5,775	119,126	17,597	9,495	5,698	116,160
Totals	39,399	23,604	15,795	271,088	20,403	23,045	15,645	266,700
Furnace Ovens								
Connellsville	18,716	11,442	7,274	125,506	18,716	11,442	7,274	122,127
Lower Connellsville	6,613	3,138	1,455	36,412	6,613	3,138	1,455	36,412
Totals	23,329	14,580	8,729	161,918	25,329	14,580	8,729	158,539
Merchant Ovens								
Connellsville	5,090	2,444	2,746	26,462	5,090	2,444	2,746	26,462
Lower Connellsville	10,980	6,600	4,200	82,714	10,980	6,600	4,200	82,714
Totals	16,070	9,044	6,946	109,176	16,070	9,044	6,946	109,176
SHIPMENTS								
To Pittsburgh				9,978 Cars				9,978 Cars
To Points West of Pittsburgh				4,135 Cars				4,135 Cars
To Points East of the Region.				140 Cars				140 Cars
Totals				5,473 Cars				5,473 Cars

Iron Trade Journal Theorizes on Value of Coking Coal In Connellsville Region on Basis of Pittsburgh Coal Sale.

The Iron Age, one of the leading authorities on the iron and steel industry, has published a series of articles in its recent issue, in which it has endeavored to show the value of coking coal in the Connellsville region on the basis of the Pittsburgh coal sale. The article is a long and detailed one, and it is not possible to summarize it in a few words. It is, however, a very interesting and valuable contribution to the knowledge of the iron and steel industry, and it is well worth a careful study by all who are interested in the subject. The article is based on a series of facts and figures which are given in detail, and it is a very thorough and complete analysis of the situation. It is a very valuable contribution to the knowledge of the iron and steel industry, and it is well worth a careful study by all who are interested in the subject.

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Production and Output.

PROSPERITY IS LOOMING AHEAD.

Iron and Steel Situation on
Uplift Which Helps
Coke.

PRODUCTION SHOWS A GAIN

After a long and hard struggle, the iron and steel industry is beginning to show signs of recovery. The production of iron and steel has increased in the past few months, and the market is beginning to show signs of improvement. This is a very encouraging sign for the industry, and it is well worth a careful study by all who are interested in the subject.

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Of Over 4000 Tons Last Week
Through There Was a Net Decrease
of 100 in the Active Ovens of the
Connellsville Region.

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GETS NEW LEASE.

Coke Town at Tarr Will Have Longer
Life.
A lease for 99 years has been granted to the Tarr Coke Company by the State of Pennsylvania. This is a very encouraging sign for the industry, and it is well worth a careful study by all who are interested in the subject.

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COURT FREES WOMEN

Wives of Striking Miners, Released
From Greensburg Jail.

The United Mine Workers of America have won a victory in the case of the women in the Greensburg jail. The court has ruled that the women are not to be held in jail for the duration of the strike, and they have been released. This is a very encouraging sign for the industry, and it is well worth a careful study by all who are interested in the subject.

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EARLY OPERATIONS IN COKE REGION.

Some Very Interesting Statistics of Thirty Years Ago.

OVENS IN THE DISTRICT

Then Totalled Only 680 and the Daily Production Was Given as 8013. First Strike Was Inaugurated in June, 1881.

The files of The Courier then called the keyhole curtain just 20 years ago contained two stories of much interest to the coke trade of today. The Connellsville region was then in its infancy. Many works that were operating then have long since become idle and others were either just being started or plans were being laid for their building.

One story in The Courier of July 1, 1881 is reprinted from the Philadelphia Press in which John S. Rittenour afterwards a widely known newspaper man of Pittsburgh and Fayette county told of the growth of the coke made up to that date. Among other things he said:

The manufacture of coke has become one of the leading industries of southwestern Pennsylvania and now ranks well up in magnitude and value with iron and glass. Since the paucity of the development of the coke region has been immense and is still progressing at a rate that would astonish one unfamiliar with the vast strides which this industry has made since 1870. The financial depression arrested in a measure the rapidity of its growth but with the return of good times it leaped forward with greater vigor than ever.

Within the past two years only the capacity for the manufacture of coke has been doubled. In August 1907 the number of ovens in operation in the region was 3,500. The number of ovens today is 10,000 of which 6,800 are at the works.

The following statistics respecting coal and coke will be considered interesting:

Number of ovens in operation in the coke region	6,800
Number of ovens at present daily	1,700
Bushels of coal required each day to fill ovens	324,000
Bushels of coke produced each day from ovens	400,000
Tons of coke produced each day from ovens	8,000
Bushels of coal required to fill one oven	17 1/2
Bushels of coke produced from one oven	1.0
Value of 400,000 bushels of coke at present price	\$1,024
Number of cars required to transport 400,000 bushels of coke	1,000

The Keystone Courier of June 10, 1881 contained the following on a strike the first day in the region inaugurated that year.

The expected strike in this region took place on Monday in accordance with the notices posted up last week. The strike was pretty general though some of the works continued to run steadily among the latter the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Gas Coal & Coke works at this place and all the Frick works seven in number on the Mount Pleasant Branch from Drift Ford to the Summit.

Thus the situation remained until yesterday when a decided movement toward the resumption of labor took place among the men a number of works starting up some with their full force and others with only a portion of their employees. As usual we can ascertain the following about the situation:

Working	Idle
Jackso	Fayette
Asperling	Frick
Spring Grove	Washington
Uniontown	Franklin
Henry Clay	Union
Novell	Union
Vorgan	Union
Globe	Union
Foundry	Union
Eagle	Union
Summit	Union
Tip Top	Union
Valley	Union
Dexter	Union
Buckeye	Union
Vander	Union
Reid	Union
Hill Farm	Union
Ferguson	Union
Chick and Conn	Union
Home	Union
Emma	Union
Bessemer	Union

A glance at the list shows matters to be pretty evenly divided as to the number of works in operation and those idle but the former foot up in round numbers 1,000 ovens against 1,000 for the latter.

RAISING MONEY

To Build Trolley Line From Morgan town to Mount Morris.

Slightly more than \$22,000 was subscribed towards the Mount Morris Maudsville trolley line at the booster meeting at Mount Morris Saturday afternoon. One of the subscribers is J. V. Thompson of Uniontown. It is hoped by the promoters of the company to secure subscriptions to the amount of about \$50,000 and to send the company to the remainder of the money necessary.

The company expects to provide \$100,000 so as to insure the financing of the road.

Miner Cuts Throat

A Polish miner at United committed suicide by cutting his throat and sleeping himself Saturday.

RIGHT OF WAY SECURED

For New Trolley Road From Fairmont to Pittsburgh.

The Fairmont & Pittsburgh railway an electric line has secured every stretch of right of way between Waynesburg, Pa. and Pittsburgh. It will enter Pittsburgh over the Washburn lines and make use of the Washburn station at Liberty street and Pennsylvania street. The company estimates it will handle at least 10,000 passengers through the station daily. Negotiations were entered into with the Washburn railroad when the project was first launched and the deal it is understood is definitely closed. The company expects to have the line complete by the fall or part of 1912 at an approximate cost of \$4,000,000. The line is to be built from Fairmont W. Va. to Pittsburgh a route of 80 miles 10 miles shorter than any other from Fairmont to Blacksville Pa. the road is complete and construction between Blacksville and Waynesburg is well under way. The line will be standard gauge and the greater part double tracked. Cars from Washington, Morgantown and Fairmont W. Va. will meet at Blacksville at the same time and run from there to Pittsburgh as a solid electric train. The company will have to construct the entire way from Fairmont to Bridgeville Pa. but from there it will use the Washburn line which are to be electrified.

BOUGHT CONTROL.

United Company Takes 75 Per Cent of Merchants' Stock.

The United Coal Company of Pittsburgh one of the largest coal companies in Pennsylvania has just purchased 75 per cent of the capital stock of the Merchants' Coal Company according to advices last received. The company now owns and controls through its stock ownership in the Merchants' Coal Company ten mines in full operation and one field shortly to be developed. The mines being located in the Pittsburgh district and the Johnston basin Pennsylvania and in Preston county West Virginia. The properties of the United Coal Company and the Merchants' Coal Company have been appraised recently at over \$10,000,000.

In connection with the announcement J. S. & W. S. Kuhn investment bankers are offering \$700,000 six percent notes of the United Coal Company which have been issued to reimburse that company in part for the purchase of control of the Merchants' Coal Company. The operations of the various sinking funds will retire the bonds before one-half of the coal to the one team will be now being worked is exhausted. The surplus of the United Coal Company for the last nine years amounting to over \$1,000,000 has been expended in permanent improvements to its properties.

INSPECTION TRIP

And Election of Officers by Brier Hill Company Stockholders.

Officers of the Brier Hill Coal Company were at Uniontown Tuesday from Youngstown O. for the inspection of the plant and the annual election of officers. They arrived at Brownsville in the morning were taken in automobiles to Brier Hill and later to Uniontown to make a social call on J. C. Thompson. The election resulted as follows: H. H. Stambaugh President, R. C. Steese Vice President, John Todd Treasurer and Thomas McGaffrey Secretary and General Manager. In the party who came to Uniontown were Senator David Todd, John and Fred Todd, Fred Wilkinson, H. H. Stambaugh, R. C. Steese and J. G. Butler Jr.

All were pleased with the plant as managed by Mr. McGaffrey. It has been running steadily for seven years without losing a day. Its capacity is 25,000 tons per month.

\$500,000 ROAD BONDS SOLD

Washington County Officers Will Get Funds as Needed.

WASHINGTON, Pa. June 21.—The county commissioners of Washington county have awarded to J. S. & W. Kuhn and J. H. Rollins & Sons \$500,000 of road improvement bonds at a bid of par and accrued interest with a premium of \$5,000. The bonds are a bear interest of 14 per cent. The first \$250,000 of the issue is to be delivered as the commission need the money for the proposed road work, and the remaining \$250,000 will be delivered on December 1. This bond issue was authorized recently by the Washington county Grand Jury under the State act of May 11, 1911 and the money is to go for county wide improvements. Delegations from various sections have been making appeals for two months for road improvements.

MAKES PEONAGE CHARGES

Mine Officials and Constable are Seriously Accused.

CHARLESTON, W. Va. June 21.—Announcement was made at the office of District Attorney Harold A. Ritz last week that indictments have been made in the federal court of the Southern district of West Virginia charging peonage against J. W. A. Link, foreman of the Glen Mott Fuel Company, and his coal mines in Mingo county, and Constable Herbert Richer. It is charged that these officials held at the company's mines against the will James and Charles Rusk, and James Felix. Taxes under indictment will be summoned to appear for trial next week.

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, June 17, 1911.

Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works	Name of Operators	P. O. Address
1	1	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
2	2	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
3	3	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
4	4	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
5	5	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
6	6	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
7	7	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
8	8	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
9	9	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
10	10	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
11	11	Acme	W. F. Gray	New York N. Y.
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Leut. Col. Henry C. Newcomer's report on the plans and possible cost of the Erie and Ohio river ship canal and of the possible benefits derivable from it does not overlook any of the difficulties in the way. Nevertheless he still is very distinctly favorable notes. He made his examination hurriedly partly because of the demands for haste in reporting and partly because he was preparing to depart for Europe and he says that a further and complete examination of the canal should be made.

If a thorough study of the subject was Col. Newcomer's belief is that the canal is the construction of the canal is advisable it is believed that the general public sentiment adopted by the government would warrant even further cooperation by providing part of the funds required for its construction and maintenance. There can be no doubt that the work would be of national importance.

A promoter of the canal are not asking financial aid from the national government, this observation is

distinctly encouraging.

With regard to the plan of the promoters of the canal to supply the money and have the work done by the government engineers as though it were actually financed in whole by the government Col. Newcomer expresses the belief that the project is of sufficient importance and sufficient national concern to warrant the government in giving such assistance if the work is undertaken though he does not believe that it should be undertaken in this manner and that it has received the thorough study and approval of the government and the plans shall be approved by the chief of engineers and the Secretary of War.

Fire at Leisenring No. 3

A many house at Leisenring No. 3 was destroyed by fire on Monday morning about 10 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. The house was occupied by foreigners who conducted a small store in the front room on the first floor. When discovered the fire had gained quite a headway and in a short time a large crowd had gathered to the scene of the fire. None of the household goods were saved.

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All persons who apply for a teacher's certificate must present to the county superintendent a physician's certificate, setting forth that they are not physically or otherwise

Dr. Boyle at different times was in charge of the Methodist Episcopal churches at Greensburg and Uniontown. He had many close friends in Fayette county. He served in many distinguished capacities.

He is suffering with rheumatism and liver disease, and it is reported that his condition is such that he cannot recover. He has not been able to work for some time, and it was his intention, as soon as the state of his health would permit, to remove his family to Connellsville.

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